

## MID CHARLOTTE STORMWATER UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 8, 2013

2:00 p.m. in Public Works Conference Room

**Attendees:** George Kearns, Bob Logan, Ben Petrone, Douglas Tucker, and Steve Vieira

**County:** Dawn Harrison, Joanne Vernon, and Sandy Wright

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and membership attendance. County staff was introduced.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the October 13, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

The status of the Committee was discussed. There is one vacancy for a regular member that lives on Suncoast Blvd. Mr. Vieira's application for re-appointment is scheduled to go to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for approval at the January 22, 2013 meeting. Mr. Petrone's application for re-appointment went to the BCC for approval earlier during the day. Appointments will be followed up with re-appointment letters mailed to the members.

### Unfinished Business:

- Sunshine Lake/Sunrise Waterway – Ms. Vernon announced that there is a Community meeting scheduled at 6 p.m. on January 9, 2013 at the Cultural Center in Port Charlotte. The contractor will be there to answer questions. Another round of water tests confirmed the water has not changed. The tests were taken from the bottom, middle and top of the lake. The contractor will start delivering equipment to the storage site and are waiting for the Notice to proceed to be issued. They are hoping the equipment and documents are in place to begin work by January 15<sup>th</sup>. The project was given 270 days to complete. Engineering is researching ways to stop the flow of water out of lake to raise the water levels. Ms. Vernon stated a drainage survey would be required to ensure that the construction of a weir wouldn't cause flooding in other areas. There was discussion regarding McGuire Park improvements. The Mid County Storm water unit will be required to maintain the lake upon the completion of the project. The Commission has been asked to consider possible funding to be put towards the park. Other MSBU's could be asked for funding. There was discussion regarding funding for a survey and a possible weir.
- Desoto Ditch – The bid opening is scheduled in the Purchasing Conference Room on January 9, 2013. The approval for the contractor is on the Board of County Commissioners agenda for the January 22, 2013 meeting. The permit from SWFWMD should be received soon; the project cannot start until it has been issued. Engineering will schedule a pre-construction meeting with the contractor as soon as the BCC approval is received. Environmental Department staff will be asked to check for areas that do not fall within the Scrub Jay territory; this would allow work to be done during the Scrub Jay season. Residents will be notified when work is to commence.

### New Business:

- Budget – Financial documents and Activity Reports were distributed for discussion and questions. There was discussion regarding the new 2 year budget cycle for fiscal years 2013/2014 and 2014/2015. Mr. Tucker made a motion to allocate \$150,000 for a Drainage Study and construction of a water control structure near Hwy 41 access road. Mr. Logan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. There was discussion regarding any other possible projects. Ms. Harrison will email the draft budget to the members as soon as it available.

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- There was discussion regarding the by-pass structures.
- Election of Officers – Mr. Logan nominated Mr. Vieira as Chair-person for one more year. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Kearns with all members in agreement. Mr. Vieira accepted the nomination. Mr. Vieira nominated Mr. Logan as the Vice Chair-person for one more year. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Tucker with all members in agreement. Mr. Logan accepted the nomination.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandy Wright".

Sandy Wright  
Public Works Department

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